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## HUNTER GOES AFTER BEAR WITH GUN, DOGS, AND CAMERA

One of the few grizzly bears ever killed in the State of Washington was shot late this summer by Government Hunter P. C. Peterson after he had trailed he animal several days in the Okanogan National Forest. The bear weighed about 1,000 pounds, and stockmen said he killed livestock not only for food but for recreation. It was reported that during the summer this ranch raider had killed 35 head of cattle and 150 sheep and had done damage estimated at \$3,000.

Peterson, who was one of the first hunters to be employed by the Government when President Roosevelt urged the hunting of predatory animals in the national forests, is a man of wide experience in hunting all sorts of stock-killing animals in the West, as well as big game in Africa, northern China, Canada, and Alaska. In hunting bears he uses dogs trained for the chase.

The dogs trailed this last grizzly from 7 o'clock in the morning until 2 in the afternoon, when they caught up with him in a clump of bushes on Holman Creek. When the hunter approached, the bear charged, but the dogs drew him off permitting a shot which broke his back. Two more shots through the neck finished him. The skin and skull where sent to the Smithsonian Institution to be mounted for exhibition in the National Museum.

Hunter Peterson usually carries a camera, with which he has taken many pictures of bears for the assistance of those who mount specimens. He has taken many photographs which show the various proportions and curvature, particularly of the head.